

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF CALEDONIA, MINNESOTA
Thursday, April 14, 2005

CALL TO ORDER: Following due call and notice thereof, Mayor Morey called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Room, City Hall.

ROLL CALL: Members present: Mayor Michael J. Morey; Council Members Paul Fisch, Randi Vick, Gary Klug and Robert Standish. Members absent: None. Consultants and City staff present: Randy Shefelbine and Robert L. Nelson. Visitors present: None.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

A. POLICE DEPARTMENT STAFFING: Police Chief Randy Shefelbine informed the Council of his reasoning for adding a fifth police officer position. He reported the City had been involved in more felonies as of this date in 2005 than in all of 2004. He commented that he did not believe with four positions there would be time to restart the police reserves or to appropriately schedule time at the Caledonia Schools. He reported the offenses this year included the sexual assault of children. He commented that he was looking for personal who could effectively become community oriented officers and believed that Mr. Rolbecki could become that type of officer. He said that he was considering a schedule of 12 noon to 10:00 p.m. with a second officer on shift during the day to assure that one of the two officers would be able to spend some time at the school. Mayor Morey commented that he supported the fifth officer position and believed the opportunity was present to hire at this time with an individual believed to fit the qualifications sought. He also expressed concern that, should the council not hire at this time, a decision to do so in the future would result in a new round of applications, interviews and background investigations which would involve many hours effort and substantial costs for the background investigations. Following discussion, a motion was made by Member Standish, seconded by Mayor Morey, to hire Charles Rolbecki at Step I of the Labor Agreement, being \$15.63 per hour, as a Police Officer for the City Of Caledonia. Members voting in favor: Standish, Morey, Fisch and Vick. Opposed: Klug. The motion was declared carried.

B. OFFICER WAGE SCHEDULE: Clerk Nelson reported that Allan Johnson, hired as a Police Officer at the past Regular Council Meeting of April 11, had requested consideration, according to the Caledonia Police Association Labor Agreement to be considered for the Step II Wage Rate of \$17.19 per hour, crediting him with his years of experience at Spring Grove. Following discussion, a motion was made by Member Fisch, seconded by Member Standish, to authorize a beginning wage rate at the second step of \$17.19 per hour for Allan Johnson at the start of his employment with the City Of Caledonia. All members voted in favor and the motion was declared carried.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business before the Council, a motion to adjourn was made by Member Fisch and seconded by Mayor Morey. All members voted in favor, the motion was declared carried and the meeting then adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Michael J. Morey, Mayor

Robert L. Nelson
City Clerk – Administrator